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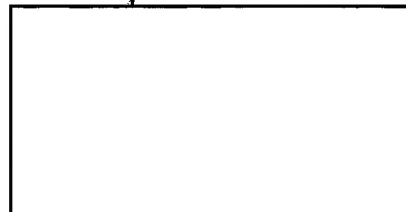
MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT : Proposed Memorandum to Department of Justice
on Middle East Oil Anti-Trust Suits.

1. In the opinion of the NEA Division, the position set forth by the General Counsel is sound. It appears that the Agency is being placed in an unusual position when it is requested by defendants in a suit to provide interpretation and evaluation of opinions submitted by the defendants, and then forward said interpretation to the prosecuting agency. It would seem more logical to have the prosecuting agency, i.e., the Department of Justice, request of CIA an opinion concerning the validity of certain statements brought forth by the defendants.

2. It is noted that in Paragraph 4 of the General Counsel's memorandum, he recommends a remedy similar to the suggestion set forth above. It is recommended that this course be adopted.

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